



Student-Athlete

The NCAA, or National Collegiate Athletic Association, was formed in 1906 and is the agency that oversees and governs athletic matters for over 1,200 colleges, universities, conferences, and organizations. For the most part, schools are members of one of three divisions – typically denoted as Division I, Division II, or Division III.

The Difference in Divisions (Division I, II, and III):

- Athletic scholarships may be offered by Division I and Division II colleges
- Division III schools do not award athletic scholarships
 - DIII schools can award academic scholarships and need-based financial aid
- There are approximately 357 Division I schools
- There are approximately 312 Division II schools
- There are approximately 442 Division III schools

The Eligibility Center:

- The NCAA “Eligibility Center” will certify the ACADEMIC and AMATEUR credentials of all college-bound student-athletes for DI and DII schools
- Division III does not use the Eligibility Center
- For more info, download the NCAA Guide for the College-Bound Student Athlete at http://fs.ncaa.org/Docs/eligibility_center/Student_Resources/CBSA.pdf
- Prospective student-athletes must access the NCAA “Eligibility Center” at <https://web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3/>
 - This site provides key information regarding:*
 - Your high school’s list of NCAA approved courses
 - Division I and Division II core course requirements
 - The Core GPA
 - Rule changes and relevant updates
 - Steps to register with the Eligibility Center

The Student-Athlete “To Do” List:

- visit www.ncaa.org
- register with the NCAA Eligibility Center: <https://web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3/>
- log in to your account or create a new account; register in tenth grade or soon after
- make sure the courses you have taken match your school’s list of approved core courses
- have your official transcript sent to the Eligibility Center at the end of your junior year
- as a senior confirm your “Amateur” status
- request final amateurism certification on or right after April 1 of senior year
- after graduation, request that your final transcript be sent to the Eligibility Center with proof of graduation
- visit the Guidance web page and the NCAA Section for all NCAA links
- NMHS School Code: 310997